

# **EXHIBIT B**



Case Information Summary for Case Number  
2022-L-000397

Filing Date: 01/13/2022  
Division: Law Division  
Ad Damnum: \$0.00

Case Type: Motor Vehicle - Non Jury  
District: First Municipal  
Calendar: H

**Party Information**

**Plaintiff(s)**

GARRETT, JULIUS C, III

**Defendant(s)**

J.W.EXPRESS INC  
LGR TRUCKING INC  
SCHRODE, EDWARD D

**Defendant Date of Service**

02/09/2022  
02/09/2022  
02/09/2022

**Attorney(s)**

DICKER, STEVEN MICHAEL

**Attorney(s)**

TERWILLIGER, MICHAEL T.  
TERWILLIGER, MICHAEL T.  
TERWILLIGER, MICHAEL T.

**Case Activity**

Activity Date: 01/13/2022

Participant:

Personal Injury (Motor Vehicle) Complaint Filed

Activity Date: 01/13/2022

Participant:

Summons Issued And Returnable

Activity Date: 01/13/2022

Participant:

Summons Issued And Returnable

Activity Date: 01/13/2022

Participant:

New Case Filing

Activity Date: 02/04/2022

Participant:

Summons Served - Corporation/Company/Business

Activity Date: 02/09/2022

Participant: LGR TRUCKING INC

Summons Served - Corporation/Company/Business

Attorney: TERWILLIGER, MICHAEL T.

Activity Date: 02/24/2022

Participant:

Affidavit Of Service Filed

Activity Date: 02/25/2022

Participant:

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Participant:

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Activity Date: 03/17/2022

Participant: GARRETT, JULIUS C, III

Case Continued For Case Management Conference - Allowed -

Date: 05/05/2022

Court Time: 0930

Court Room: 2209

Judge: EHRLICH, JOHN H

Attorney: DICKER, STEVEN MICHAEL

Activity Date: 03/17/2022

Participant:

Case Assigned to Zoom Hearing - Allowed

Activity Date: 05/06/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Motion Filed

Activity Date: 05/06/2022

Participant:

Motion Filed

Activity Date: 05/24/2022

Participant:

Appearance Filed - Fee Paid -

Activity Date: 05/24/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Filing Filed

Activity Date: 05/26/2022

Participant:

Certificate Of Mailing Filed

Activity Date: 05/26/2022

Participant: GARRETT, JULIUS C, III

Case Continued For Case Management Conference - Allowed -

Date: 09/26/2023

Court Time: 1000

Court Room: 2209

Judge: EHRLICH, JOHN H

Attorney: DICKER, STEVEN MICHAEL

Activity Date: 06/14/2022

Participant:

Certificate Of Mailing Filed

Activity Date: 06/14/2022

Participant:

Answer And Copy Filed

Activity Date: 06/21/2022

Participant:

Response / Reply - Filed

Activity Date: 06/21/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Motion Filed

Activity Date: 06/21/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Filing Filed

Motion Filed

Activity Date: 06/27/2022

Participant: J.W.EXPRESS INC

Add An Additional Defendant - Allowed -

Judge: EHRLICH, JOHN H

Attorney: TERWILLIGER, MICHAEL T.

Activity Date: 06/27/2022

Participant: GARRETT, JULIUS C, III

Issue Writ - Allowed -

Judge: EHRLICH, JOHN H

Attorney: DICKER, STEVEN MICHAEL

Activity Date: 06/27/2022

Participant: GARRETT, JULIUS C, III

Amend Complaint Or Petition - Allowed -

Judge: EHRLICH, JOHN H

Attorney: DICKER, STEVEN MICHAEL

Activity Date: 06/30/2022

Participant:

Appearance Filed - Fee Paid -

Activity Date: 06/30/2022

Participant:

Amended Complaint Filed

Activity Date: 06/30/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Filing Filed

Activity Date: 06/30/2022

Participant:

Notice Of Filing Filed

Activity Date: 07/06/2022

Participant:

Answer And Copy Filed

Activity Date: 07/11/2022

Participant:

Response / Reply - Filed

Activity Date: 07/11/2022

Participant:

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LGR TRUCKING INC. and  
EDWARD D. SCHRODE,

**Defendants.**

No. 2022L000397

Hearing Date: 3/17/2022 9:30 AM

## COMPLAINT AT LAW

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2. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., operated a motor vehicle in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

3. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., owned a motor vehicle that was traveling in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

3. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, operated a motor vehicle which was traveling in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., )  
 ) No. 2022L000397  
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Hearing Date: No hearing scheduled

Location: &lt;&lt;CourtRoomNumber&gt;&gt;

Judge: Calendar, H

FORM **BCA-5.25** (rev. Dec. 2014)  
**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE**  
**FOR SERVICE ON SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Business Corporation Act

Department of Business Services  
 501 S. Second St., Rm. 350  
 Springfield, IL 62756  
 217-782-6961  
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## 1. Title and Number of Case:

JULIUS C. MARACH, III

first named plaintiff

V.

LCIL TRUCKING INC.

first named defendant

Number: 22 L 0003972. Name of corporation being served: LCIL TRUCKING INC.3. Title of court in which an action, suit or proceeding has been commenced: COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS4. Title of instrument being served: SUMMONS

## 5. Basis for service on the Secretary of State: (check and complete appropriate box)

- a. ☐ The corporation's registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office of record in Illinois.
- b. ☒ The corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois.
- c. ☐ The corporation was dissolved on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; the conditions of paragraphs (a) or (b) above exist; and the action, suit or proceeding has been instituted against or has affected the corporation within five (5) years thereafter.
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- e. ☐ The corporation is a foreign corporation that has transacted business in Illinois without procuring authority, contrary to the provisions of the Business Corporation Act of 1983.

6. Address to which the undersigned will cause a copy of the attached process, notice or demand to be sent by certified or registered mail: 2735 SPRING GROVE AVENUE, CINCINNATI, OH 45225

## 7. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true, correct and complete.

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Signature of Affiant

February 11

Month Day

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(312) 853-3485

Telephone Number

Return to (please type or print clearly):

DICKER DICKER & RUIZ

Name

300 W. ADAMS, SUITE 330

Street

CHICAGO

City/Town

IL 60606

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**COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LGR TRUCKING INC. and  
EDWARD D. SCHRODE,

Defendants.

No. 2022L000397

**PLEASE SERVE:**  
**LGR TRUCKING INC.**  
**c/o Office of the Secretary of State**  
**17 N. State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60602**  
  
**LGR TRUCKING INC.**  
**2735 Spring Grove Avenue**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45225**

**SUMMONS**To each defendant: **LGR TRUCKING INC. c/o Office of the Secretary of State**

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer to the complaint in this case, a copy of which is hereto attached, or otherwise file appearance, in the office of the Clerk of this Court (located in the Richard J. Daley Center, Room \*801, Chicago, Illinois 60602) within 30 days after service of this summons, not counting the day of service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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To the officer:

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WITNESS....., 2022  
 1/13/2022 10:43 AM IRIS Y. MARTINEZ

Clerk

Name: Steven M. Dicker  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Address: 300 W. Adams St., Suite 330  
 City: Chicago, Illinois 60606  
 Telephone: (312) 853-3485  
 Atty No: 52742

Date of service:....., 2022

**IRIS Y. MARTINEZ, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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 County Division Room 801  
 Probate Division Room 1202

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4. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC.

5. That at the time and place aforesaid, the vehicle which was operated by the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and owned by the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., collided with the vehicle operated by the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.

6. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, were under a duty to exercise reasonable care in the ownership and operation of their motor vehicle so as to not cause injuries and damage to persons and property in the vicinity.

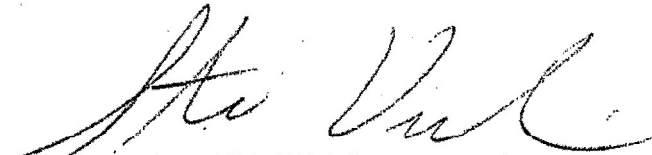
7. That at the time and place aforesaid, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, breached the aforesaid duty in one or more of the following respects:

- a. Changed lanes when it was unsafe to do so;
- b. Changed lanes without activating his turn signal;
- c. Failed to keep a proper lookout for other vehicles on the roadway;
- d. Failed to keep their vehicle under control;
- e. Traveled at an excessive rate of speed;
- f. Traveled at a rate of speed that was too fast for weather and traffic conditions;
- g. Failed to adequately and properly maintain their vehicle in a safe condition;
- h. Were otherwise careless and negligent.

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8. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., was then and there injured, both internally and externally and was caused to and did undergo great pain and discomfort, disfigurement and physical impairment, all of which injuries are permanent; and that he has been and will in the future be kept from attending to his ordinary affairs and duties, and has become liable for large sums of money for medical treatment.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment against the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, in an amount in excess of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) plus interest and costs of this suit.

  
STEVEN M. DICKER  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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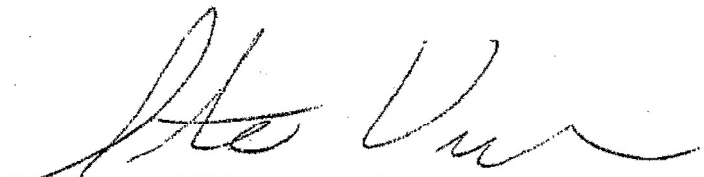
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**AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 222**

I, STEVEN M. DICKER, attorney for the Plaintiff, state that the amount of money damages sought exceeds \$50,0000.00.



STEVEN M. DICKER  
Attorney for Plaintiff

**DICKER DICKER & RUIZ-#52742  
300 West Adams Street  
Suite 330  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 853-3485**



Hearing Date: No hearing scheduled

Location: &lt;&lt;CourtRoomNumber&gt;&gt;

Judge: Calendar

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Jesse White

Signature of Affiant

February 11

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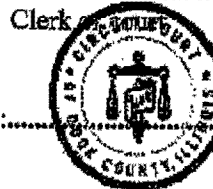
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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

February 23, 2022

Dicker and Dicker  
300 W. Adams St., Ste. 330  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Sir or Madam:

Copies of Summons(es), Complaint(s) at Law, and Affidavit(s) of Compliance with proper fee(s) have been received on the following:

**Julius C. Garrett, III v. Edward D. Schrode, #22 L 397, Fee \$5.00**

Service has been accepted on 2/22/2022 in compliance with the provisions of 625 ILCS 5/10-301. All inquiries should be made to (312) 814-3154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White  
Secretary of State

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c/o Office of the Secretary of State  
 17 N. State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60602

EDWARD D. SCHRODE

10745 Anna Lane  
 Independence, Kentucky 41051**SUMMONS**To each defendant: **EDWARD D. SCHRODE c/o Office of the Secretary of State**

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## Affidavit of Compliance for Service of Process on Non-resident

To effect service: please serve the Office of the Secretary of State with 2 copies of the summons, 1 copy of the complaint, and a fully executed Affidavit of Compliance. Fee: \$5.

Pursuant to Section 10-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (Chapter 625, Section 5/10-301, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Service of Process on Non-resident), the undersigned states that:

1. I am (plaintiff/attorney for plaintiff) in the following named case:

JULIUS C. GRAY, III vs. EDWARD D. SUNDOLL No. 22 L 000397  
First Named Plaintiff Defendant to be Served

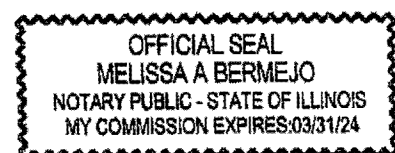
2. This cause of action arises from the use and operation, by the defendant to be served or his duly authorized agent or employee, of a vehicle over or upon the highways of the State of Illinois, which resulted in damage or loss to the person or property of (the undersigned/client of the undersigned). (Strike inapplicable term.)
3. The defendant to be served through the Secretary of State falls under one of the following: (check appropriate box)
  - a) ☒ At the time of the accident the defendant was and remains a non-resident of this state, or
  - b) ☐ Was a resident of this state at the time the cause of action arose but has subsequently become a non-resident of this state, or
  - c) ☐ At the time the cause of action arose, the vehicle was owned by a non-resident and was being operated over and upon the highways of this state with the owner's express or implied permission.
4. The undersigned makes this affidavit for the purpose of inducing the Secretary of State to accept service of process on behalf of the named defendant herein according to the provisions of Section 10-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. These provisions are applicable to the instant proceeding. The undersigned has complied with and will continue to comply with all of the requirements of said Section. Further, these provisions require notice of such service and a copy of the process to be sent by registered mail within 10 days by the plaintiff to the defendant at his/her last known address, with the plaintiff's Affidavit of Compliance appended to the summons.
5. The undersigned is aware that any person instituting any action, suit or proceeding who uses Section 10-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code to effect service of process, shall be liable for attorney's fees and costs of the defendant if the court finds that the person instituting the action knew or should have known that this section is not applicable for effecting service in such action.

The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

[Signature] 1/13/22  
Signature of Affiant Date

Subscribed before me this 12th day of January, 2022.

[Signature]  
Notary Public



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

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| JULIUS C. GARRETT, III, | ) |                 |
|                         | ) | No. 22 L 000397 |
| Plaintiff,              | ) |                 |
|                         | ) |                 |
| vs.                     | ) |                 |
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| LGR TRUCKING INC. and   | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,      | ) |                 |
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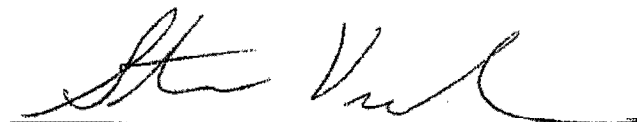
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| TO: <b><u>BY CERTIFIED &amp; REGULAR MAIL</u></b> | <b><u>BY CERTIFIED &amp; REGULAR MAIL</u></b> |
| LGR Trucking Inc.                                 | Mr. Edward D. Schrode                         |
| 2735 Spring Grove Avenue                          | 160 Seneca Trail                              |
| Cincinnati, Ohio 45225                            | Elsmere, Kentucky 41018                       |

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. I shall electronically submit the attached: Motion for Default to the Honorable John Ehrlich via email address: LAW.CALHcc@cookcountyil.gov.

To respond or object to this Motion, please email response or objection to LAW.CALHcc@cookcountyil.gov after 10:00 a.m. on the date set forth above, with a cc to all attorneys of record as listed here: sdicker@dickerlaw.net

If no response or objection is emailed before 4:00 p.m. on the date set forth above, the Court will rule on the Motion and enter an order.



Steven M. Dicker  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

**DICKER DICKER & RUIZ-#52742**  
 300 West Adams Street  
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 Chicago, Illinois 60606  
 (312) 853-3485

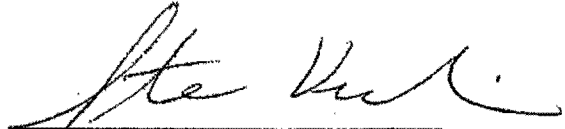
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### PROOF OF SERVICE

Under penalties as provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I, STEVEN M. DICKER, state that I served the above notice by mail by placing a copy in an envelope properly addressed, sealed, stamped and placing said envelope into a U.S. Mail box in the City of Chicago on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Dickler", written over a horizontal line.

STEVEN M. DICKER

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**


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| LGR TRUCKING INC. and    | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,       | ) |                 |
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| Defendants.              | ) |                 |

**MOTION FOR DEFAULT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER DICKER & RUIZ, and moves this Honorable Court for the entry of an Order of Default against the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and to have this matter set for prove-up of damages. In support hereof, Plaintiff states as follows:

1. That Plaintiff has filed the instant action to recover for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on January 13, 2022.
2. That on February 15, 2022, the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., was served through the Secretary of State. (See attached Affidavit of Service)
3. That on February 22, 2022, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was served through the Secretary of State. (See attached Affidavit of Service)
4. That to date, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, have failed to file their appearance or otherwise respond to the allegations of the Plaintiff's complaint.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for the entry of an Order of Default against the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and that this cause be set for prove-up of damages on a date certain.

  
 Steven M. Dicker  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

**DICKER DICKER & RUIZ-#52742**  
**300 West Adams Street**  
**Suite 330**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60606**  
**(312) 853-3485**

Hearing Date: No hearing scheduled

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Judge: Calendar, H

FORM **BCA-5.25** (rev. Dec. 2014)**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE****FOR SERVICE ON SECRETARY OF STATE**  
Business Corporation ActDepartment of Business Services  
501 S. Second St., Rm. 350  
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## 1. Title and Number of Case:

JULIUS C. MARKEH III

first named plaintiff

v.

LGL TRUCKING INC.

first named defendant

Number: 22 L 0003972. Name of corporation being served: LGL TRUCKING INC.3. Title of court in which an action, suit or proceeding has been commenced: COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS4. Title of instrument being served: SUMMONS

## 5. Basis for service on the Secretary of State: (check and complete appropriate box)

- a. ☐ The corporation's registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office of record in Illinois.
- b. ☒ The corporation has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois.
- c. ☐ The corporation was dissolved on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; the conditions of paragraphs (a) or (b) above exist; and the action, suit or proceeding has been instituted against or has affected the corporation within five (5) years thereafter.
- d. ☐ The corporation's authority to transact business in Illinois has been withdrawn/revoked (circle one) on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. ☐ The corporation is a foreign corporation that has transacted business in Illinois without procuring authority, contrary to the provisions of the Business Corporation Act of 1983.

6. Address to which the undersigned will cause a copy of the attached process, notice or demand to be sent by certified or registered mail: 2735 SPRING HOLLOW AVENUE, CINCINNATI, OH 45225

## 7. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true, correct and complete.

[Signature]

Signature of Affiant

FEBRUARY 11

Month Day

2022

Year

(312) 853-3485

Telephone Number

Return to (please type or print clearly):

DICKER DICKER & RUIZ

Name

300 W. ADAMS, SUITE 330

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CHICAGO

City/Town

IL 60604

State Zip



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JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LGR TRUCKING INC. and  
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Defendants.

No. 2022L000397

**PLEASE SERVE:****LGR TRUCKING INC.****c/o Office of the Secretary of State****17 N. State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor****Chicago, Illinois 60602****LGR TRUCKING INC.****2735 Spring Grove Avenue****Cincinnati, Ohio 45225****SUMMONS**To each defendant: **LGR TRUCKING INC. c/o Office of the Secretary of State**

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer to the complaint in this case, a copy of which is hereto attached, or otherwise file appearance, in the office of the Clerk of this Court (located in the Richard J. Daley Center, Room \*801, Chicago, Illinois 60602) within 30 days after service of this summons, not counting the day of service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

To the officer:

This summons must be returned by the officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service. If service cannot be made, this summons shall be returned so endorsed. This summons may not be served later than 30 days after its date.

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Name: Steven M. Dicker

Attorney for Plaintiff

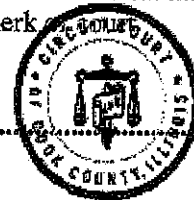
Address: 300 W. Adams St., Suite 330

City: Chicago, Illinois 60606

Telephone: (312) 853-3485

Atty No: 52742

Date of service:....., 2022

**IRIS Y. MARTINEZ, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

\*Law Division Room 801

Chancery-Divorce Division Room 802

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

February 23, 2022

Dicker and Dicker  
300 W. Adams St., Ste. 330  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Sir or Madam:

Copies of Summons(es), Complaint(s) at Law, and Affidavit(s) of Compliance with proper fee(s) have been received on the following:

**Julius C. Garrett, III v. Edward D. Schrode, #22 L 397, Fee \$5.00**

Service has been accepted on 2/22/2022 in compliance with the provisions of 625 ILCS 5/10-301. All inquiries should be made to (312) 814-3154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White  
Secretary of State

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JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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Defendants.

No. 2022L000397

**PLEASE SERVE:**  
**EDWARD D. SCHRODE**  
 c/o Office of the Secretary of State  
 17 N. State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60602

**EDWARD D. SCHRODE**  
 10745 Anna Lane  
 Independence, Kentucky 41051

**SUMMONS**To each defendant: **EDWARD D. SCHRODE c/o Office of the Secretary of State**

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 Telephone: (312) 853-3485  
 Atty No: 52742

Date of service:....., 2022



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## Affidavit of Compliance for Service of Process on Non-resident

To effect service: please serve the Office of the Secretary of State with 2 copies of the summons, 1 copy of the complaint, and a fully executed Affidavit of Compliance. Fee: \$5.

Pursuant to Section 10-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (Chapter 625, Section 5/10-301, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Service of Process on Non-resident), the undersigned states that:

1. I am (plaintiff/attorney for plaintiff) in the following named case:

JULIUS C. GARNER, III vs. EDWARD D. SUNDOLL No. 22 L 000397  
 First Named Plaintiff Defendant to be Served

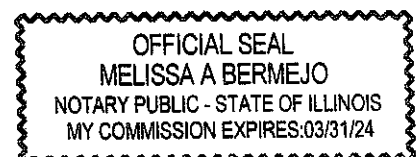
2. This cause of action arises from the use and operation, by the defendant to be served or his duly authorized agent or employee, of a vehicle over or upon the highways of the State of Illinois, which resulted in damage or loss to the person or property of (the undersigned/client of the undersigned). (Strike inapplicable term.)
3. The defendant to be served through the Secretary of State falls under one of the following: (check appropriate box)
  - a) ☒ At the time of the accident the defendant was and remains a non-resident of this state, or
  - b) ☐ Was a resident of this state at the time the cause of action arose but has subsequently become a non-resident of this state, or
  - c) ☐ At the time the cause of action arose, the vehicle was owned by a non-resident and was being operated over and upon the highways of this state with the owner's express or implied permission.
4. The undersigned makes this affidavit for the purpose of inducing the Secretary of State to accept service of process on behalf of the named defendant herein according to the provisions of Section 10-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. These provisions are applicable to the instant proceeding. The undersigned has complied with and will continue to comply with all of the requirements of said Section. Further, these provisions require notice of such service and a copy of the process to be sent by registered mail within 10 days by the plaintiff to the defendant at his/her last known address, with the plaintiff's Affidavit of Compliance appended to the summons.
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The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

[Signature] 1/13/22  
 Signature of Affiant Date

Subscribed before me this 13th day of JANUARY, 2022.

[Signature]  
 Notary Public



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## NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
DICKER DICKER & RUIZ  
[sdicker@dickerlaw.net](mailto:sdicker@dickerlaw.net)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 24, 2022, I have filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, APPEARANCE FOR DEFENDANTS LGR TRUCKING INC and EDWARD D. SCHRODE.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**

Michael T. Terwilliger  
*Counsel for Defendants*

Michael T. Terwilliger, ARDC#6244004  
WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC  
450 Vale Park Road  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46385  
(219) 531-6719 Telephone  
(219) 531-6471 Facsimile  
[mterwilliger@indycounsel.com](mailto:mterwilliger@indycounsel.com)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certified that on May 24, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Illinois Circuit Court for Cook County by using the Cook County File & Serve Illinois system. I certify that I have also served all counsel of record via E-mail on this date.

Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
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**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**  
Michael T. Terwilliger

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**APPEARANCE/JURY DEMAND**

☒ General Appearance

☒ 0900 - Appearance - Fee Paid

☐ 0909 - Appearance- No Fee

☐ 0904 - Appearance Filed - Fee Waived

☐ Jury Demand

☐ 1900 - Appearance & Jury Demand - Fee Paid

☐ 1909 - Appearance & Jury Demand - No Fee

The undersigned enters the appearance of: ☐ Plaintiff ☒ Defendant

☐ Additional Party

☐ Respondent-in-discovery

LGR Trucking Inc and Edward D. Schrode

Litigant's Name

/s/ Michael T. Terwilliger

Signature

☒ INITIAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

☐ PRO SE

☐ ADDITIONAL APPEARANCE

☐ SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCE

A copy of this appearance shall be given to all parties who have appeared and have not been found by the Court to be in default.

Iris Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

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Appearance/Jury Demand

(05/03/21) CCL 0530

☒ Atty. No.: 49358 ☐ Pro Se 99500

Pro Se Only:

Name: Michael T. Terwilliger

Atty. for (if applicable):

Defendants

Address: 450 Vale Park Road, Suite D

City: Valparaiso

State: IN Zip: 46385

Telephone: 219-531-6719

Primary Email: mterwilliger@indycounsel.com

☐ I have read and agree to the terms of the Clerk's Office Electronic Notice Policy and choose to opt in to electronic notice from the Clerk's office for this case at this email address:



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael T. Terwilliger, pursuant to the provisions of § 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, certify that I served the foregoing:

- DEFENDANTS' INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF; and
- DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION TO PLAINTIFF.

via email to the following address on **May 26, 2022**:

Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
DICKER DICKER & RUIZ  
[sdicker@dickerlaw.net](mailto:sdicker@dickerlaw.net)

Respectfully submitted,

Whitten Law Office LLC

**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**  
Michael T. Terwilliger  
Counsel for Defendants

Michael T. Terwilliger, ARDC#6244004  
Whitten Law Office LLC  
450 Vale Park Road  
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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER – CATEGORY 1 CASES**

- The intent of this order is for the parties to complete all discovery and for the court to rule on all dispositive motions within **18 months** following the filing of the complaint.
- This order **does not alter** the application of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 218 – **the 60-day rule.**
- **Fill in all blanks.**

Service of process achieved, responsive pleadings filed, treaters' list with names and addresses sent, HIPPA order entered, Rule 213(f)(1), (f)(2), (f)(3) & Rule 214 written discovery issued no later than

| <u>Months after<br/>Complaint filed</u> | <u>Date</u>       |
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Rule 213(f)(1), (f)(2), & Rule 214 written discovery completed no later than

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Rule 213(f)(2) depositions completed no later than

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Dispositive motions filed and Rule 215 & 216 discovery completed no later than

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Case management for trial certification at 10:00 a.m.

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FAILURE OF ANY PARTY TO COMPLY WITH THIS CMC ORDER WILL BE A BASIS FOR SCR 219(C) SANCTIONS. FAILURE OF ANY PARTY TO ENFORCE THIS CMC ORDER WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF SUCH DISCOVERY BY THAT PARTY.

ENTERED:

Circuit Court Judge



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY  
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 EDWARD D. SCHRODE, )  
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**ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND  
 DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING, INC. and Edward D. Schrode (“defendants”), by counsel, and for their answer to plaintiff’s complaint (“complaint”), state the following:

1. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, 162<sup>nd</sup> Street was a public roadway running in an easterly and westerly direction in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**ANSWER:** Admitted.

2. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III, operated a motor vehicle in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and. State of Illinois.

**ANSWER:** Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2 and therefore neither admit nor deny same but demand strict proof thereof.

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3. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING, INC., owned a motor vehicle that was traveling in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and. State of Illinois.

**ANSWER:** Admitted.

4. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC.

**ANSWER:** Denied.

5. That at the time and place aforesaid, the vehicle which was operated by the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and owned by the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., collided with the vehicle operated by the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.

**ANSWER:** Denied.

6. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, were under a duty to exercise reasonable care in the ownership and operation of their motor vehicle so as to not cause injuries and damage to persons and property in the vicinity.

**ANSWER:** Defendants object to paragraph 6 as it contains a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, same is denied.

7. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, breached the aforesaid duty in one or more of the following respects:

- a. Changed lanes when it was unsafe to do so;
- b. Changed lanes without activating his turn signal;
- c. Failed to keep a proper lookout for other vehicles on the roadway;
- d. Failed to keep their vehicle under control;
- e. Traveled at an excessive rate of speed;
- f. Traveled at a rate of speed that was too fast for weather and traffic conditions;
- g. Failed to adequately and properly maintain their vehicle in a safe condition;
- h. Were otherwise careless and negligent.

**ANSWER:** Denied.

8. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III, was then and there injured, both internally and externally and was caused to and did undergo great pain and discomfort, disfigurement and physical impairment, all of which injuries are permanent; and that he has been and will in the future be kept from attending to his ordinary affairs and duties, and has become liable for large sums of money for medical treatment.

**ANSWER:** Denied.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC and Edward D. Schrode, by counsel, assert the following affirmative defenses to plaintiff's complaint, in the alternative and



without assuming the burden of proof for matters for which the burden is not imposed upon the responding party under law:

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging damages arising out of an occurrence which purportedly took place on February 14, 2020.

2. At the time of the occurrence, there was in full force and effect a certain statute known as III. Rev. Stat., Ch. 110, § 2-1116, said statute being effective as of November 25, 1986, which provides as follows:

In all actions on account of bodily injury, death or physical damage to property based on negligence, or product liability based on strict tort liability, the plaintiff shall be barred from recovering damages if the trier of fact finds that the contributory fault on the part of the plaintiff is more than fifty percent of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which the recovery is sought. The plaintiff shall not be barred from recovering damages if the trier of fact finds that the contributory fault on the part of the plaintiff is not more than fifty percent of the proximate cause of the injury or damage to which recovery is sought, but any damages allowed shall be diminished in the proportion to the amount of fault attributable to the plaintiff.

(Emphasis added) (III. Rev. Stat., 1986; Ch. 110, § 2-1116.)

3. Plaintiff owed a duty to refrain from negligence at all times relevant and to take good and proper care for plaintiff's own safety.

4. Plaintiff's own careless and negligent conduct caused or contributed to cause the injuries, expenses, pecuniary losses and other damages for which plaintiff seeks compensation in this lawsuit.

5. On February 14, 2020, plaintiff was guilty of one or more of the following careless and negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. Operated said motor vehicle in a careless, reckless, and negligent manner;

- b. Negligently, carelessly, and recklessly failed to maintain a proper lookout;
- c. Negligently, carelessly, and recklessly operated said motor vehicle at a speed which was greater than posted or reasonable under the circumstances;
- d. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to stop motor vehicle when danger of a collision was imminent;
- e. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to yield the right of way to defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- f. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to maintain a safe and reasonable distance from Defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- g. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly followed too closely to Defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- h. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to apply the brakes of said motor vehicle in order to avoid collision;
- i. Was otherwise negligent and careless in the operation of said motor vehicle.

6. In the event that plaintiff was more than fifty percent (50%) at fault in causing the injuries, or that plaintiff's actions were the sole proximate cause of said accident, then plaintiff is barred from recovery.

### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging damages arising out of an occurrence which purportedly took place on February 14, 2020.

2. At all times relevant hereto, there was in full force and effect a certain statute known as 735 ILCS 5/2-1117, which provides as follows:

Except as provided in § 2-1118, in actions on account of bodily injury or death or physical damage to property, based on negligence, or product liability based on strict tort liability, all defendants found liable are jointly and severally liable for plaintiffs past and future medical and medically related expenses. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the trier of fact, is less than twenty-five percent of



the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendant who could have been sued by the plaintiff, shall be severally liable for all of the damages. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the trier of fact, is twenty-five percent or greater of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff and any third party defendants who could have been sued by the plaintiff, shall be jointly and severally liable for all other damages.

3. In the event that defendants are found liable for damages allegedly sustained by the plaintiff, and any fault on behalf of defendants constitutes less than twenty-five percent of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third-party defendant who could have been sued by the plaintiff, then defendants shall only be severally liable for certain damages, as set forth in the statute.

#### **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Defendants had no control over the actions of plaintiff or other persons at the time of the occurrence.

2. Accordingly, to the extent that plaintiff's claimed injuries, if any, were caused in whole or in part by an intervening and/or superseding cause(s) unrelated to any acts or omissions of defendants, damages are barred.

#### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Any amount paid by any third person or corporation because of any damage, loss or expense, or injury to plaintiff should be offset and/or credited against any judgment that might be rendered in favor of plaintiff and against defendants as partial satisfaction of plaintiff's damages.

2. Defendants respectfully pray that any judgment in favor of plaintiff be reduced in proportion to any amount paid by a third person or corporation as a result of the occurrence alleged in plaintiff's complaint, and that defendants be awarded their costs and such other relief as the Court may deem to be just and proper.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The accident, injuries, and damages alleged in the complaint were proximately cause by a person or persons other than defendants, over whom defendants exercised no control or right of control, or for whose act(s) or failure(s) to act defendants are not liable or responsible.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Any act(s) or omission(s) to act by defendants was/were not the proximate cause of this accident.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendants did not own any duty(ies) to the plaintiff at the time and place mentioned in the complaint. If any duties are owed by defendants, they properly performed each and every duty owed.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendants assert that LGR TRUCKING, INC. is simply a leasing company and J.W. EXPRESS, INC. was the appropriate motor carrier at the time and place mentioned in the complaint. As a result, J.W. EXPRESS, INC. and not LGR TRUCKING, INC. is the proper defendant such that LGR TRUCKING, INC. is an

improper and mis-joined defendant pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-407 and should be dismissed.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses that may become apparent during the course of this action.

**WHEREFORE**, defendants pray for judgment in their favor and against plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC and Edward D. Schrode, by counsel, respectfully demand that this case be tried by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**

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*Counsel for Defendants*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certified that on June 14, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Illinois Circuit Court for Cook County by using the Cook County File & Serve Illinois system. I certify that I have also served all counsel of record via E-mail on this date.

Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
DICKER DICKER & RUIZ  
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**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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|                          |   |                 |
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| JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., | ) |                 |
|                          | ) | No. 22 L 000397 |
| Plaintiff,               | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| vs.                      | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| LGR TRUCKING INC. and    | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,       | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| Defendants.              | ) |                 |

**PLAINTIFF’S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS’ AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER  
 DICKER & RUIZ, and replies to the affirmative defenses of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING  
 INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, as follows:

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Admits.
2. No answer is required.
3. Admits all duties imposed by law.
4. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 4.
5. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 5(a) - (i).
6. No answer is required.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as  
 requested in the Complaint at Law.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Admits.
2. No answer is required.

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3. No answer is required.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. No answer is required.
2. No answer is required.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. No answer is required.
2. No answer is required.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Denies the allegations set forth in the Fifth Affirmative Defense.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Denies the allegations set forth in the Sixth Affirmative Defense.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

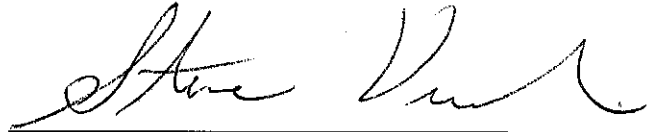
Denies the allegations set forth in the Seventh Affirmative Defense.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

No answer is required.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment as requested in the Complaint at Law.



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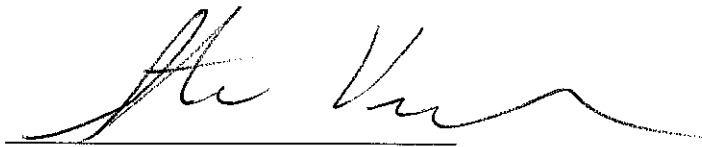
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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| JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., | ) |                 |
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| Plaintiff,               | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| vs.                      | ) |                 |
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| LGR TRUCKING INC. and    | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,       | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| Defendants.              | ) |                 |

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER DICKER & RUIZ, and moves this Honorable Court for leave to file an Amended Complaint at Law to add an additional Defendant, J.W. EXPRESS, INC.

  
 STEVEN M. DICKER  
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| Plaintiff,                     | ) |                 |
|                                | ) |                 |
| vs.                            | ) |                 |
|                                | ) |                 |
| LGR TRUCKING INC., EDWARD D.   | ) |                 |
| SCHRODE and J.W. EXPRESS, INC. | ) |                 |
|                                | ) |                 |
| Defendants.                    | ) |                 |

**AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW**  
**COUNT I**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER DICKER AND RUIZ, and complaining of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, states as follows:

1. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, 162<sup>nd</sup> Street was a public roadway running in an easterly and westerly direction in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.
2. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., operated a motor vehicle in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.
3. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., owned a motor vehicle that was traveling in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.
4. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, operated a motor vehicle which was traveling in a westerly direction on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street

at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

5. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC.

6. That at the time and place aforesaid, the vehicle which was operated by the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and owned by the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., collided with the vehicle operated by the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.

7. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, were under a duty to exercise reasonable care in the ownership and operation of their motor vehicle so as to not cause injuries and damage to persons and property in the vicinity.

8. That at the time and place aforesaid, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, breached the aforesaid duty in one or more of the following respects:

- a. Changed lanes when it was unsafe to do so;
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- d. Failed to keep their vehicle under control;
- e. Traveled at an excessive rate of speed;
- f. Traveled at a rate of speed that was too fast for weather and traffic conditions;
- g. Failed to adequately and properly maintain their vehicle in a safe condition;

h. Were otherwise careless and negligent.

9. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., was then and there injured, both internally and externally and was caused to and did undergo great pain and discomfort, disfigurement and physical impairment, all of which injuries are permanent; and that he has been and will in the future be kept from attending to his ordinary affairs and duties, and has become liable for large sums of money for medical treatment.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment against the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, in an amount in excess of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) plus interest and costs of this suit.

## **COUNT II**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER DICKER AND RUIZ, and complaining of the Defendants, J.W. EXPRESS, INC. and EDWARD D. SHRODE, and each of them, states as follows:

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5. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, J.W. EXPRESS, INC.

6. That at the time and place aforesaid, the vehicle which was operated by the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and owned by the Defendant, J.W. EXPRESS, INC., collided with the vehicle operated by the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.

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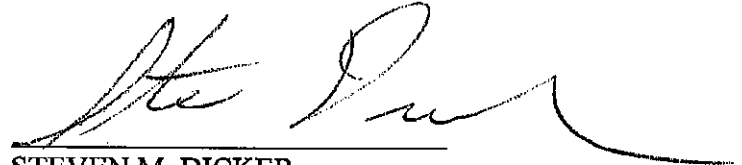
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TO: **BY EMAIL**

Mr. Michael T. Terwilliger  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022, we filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois the following **PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** in accordance with the Rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of Illinois a copy of which is attached hereto and served upon you.



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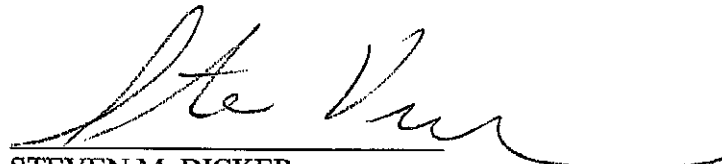


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PROOF OF SERVICE

Under penalties as provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I, STEVEN M. DICKER, state that I served the above notice by emailing a copy to the attorney listed above on the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of June, 2022.

  
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Defendants.

No. 22 L 000397

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

TO: **BY EMAIL**

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On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. I shall electronically submit the attached: Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint at Law to the **Honorable John H. Ehrlich** via email address: LAW.CALHcc@cookcountyil.gov.

To respond or object to this Motion, please email response or objection to LAW.CALHcc@cookcountyil.gov after 10:00 a.m. on the date set forth above, with a cc to all attorneys of record as listed here: sdicker@dickerlaw.net

If no response or objection is emailed before 4:00 p.m. on the date set forth above, the Court will rule on the Motion and enter an order.



Steven M. Dicker  
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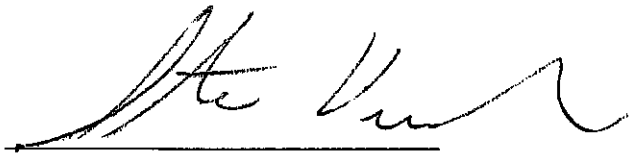
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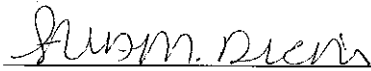
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

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| JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., | ) |                 |
|                          | ) | No. 22 L 000397 |
| Plaintiff,               | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| vs.                      | ) |                 |
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| LGR TRUCKING INC. and    | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,       | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| Defendants.              | ) |                 |

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TO: **BY EMAIL**  
 Mr. Michael T. Terwilliger  
 Whitten Law Office LLC  
 450 Vale Park Road  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, we filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois the following **PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW** in accordance with the Rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of Illinois a copy of which is attached hereto and served upon you.

  
 STEVEN M. DICKER  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

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Under penalties as provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I, STEVEN M. DICKER, state that I served the above notice by emailing a copy to the attorney listed above on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

  
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| Defendants.                    | ) |                 |

**AMENDED COMPLAINT AT LAW**  
**COUNT I**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., by his attorneys, DICKER DICKER AND RUIZ, and complaining of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, states as follows:

1. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, 162<sup>nd</sup> Street was a public roadway running in an easterly and westerly direction in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

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5. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC.

6. That at the time and place aforesaid, the vehicle which was operated by the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and owned by the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC., collided with the vehicle operated by the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III.

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h. Were otherwise careless and negligent.

9. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., was then and there injured, both internally and externally and was caused to and did undergo great pain and discomfort, disfigurement and physical impairment, all of which injuries are permanent; and that he has been and will in the future be kept from attending to his ordinary affairs and duties, and has become liable for large sums of money for medical treatment.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III., prays for judgment against the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, in an amount in excess of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) plus interest and costs of this suit.

## **COUNT II**

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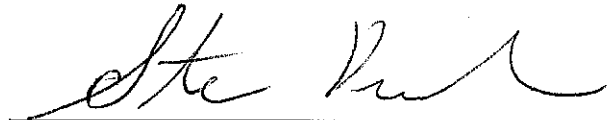
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TO: Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 30, 2022, I have filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, APPEARANCE FOR DEFENDANT J.W. EXPRESS, INC.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certified that on June 30, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Illinois Circuit Court for Cook County by using the Cook County File & Serve Illinois system. I certify that I have also served all counsel of record via E-mail on this date.

Steven M. Dicker, Esq.  
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**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**  
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**APPEARANCE/JURY DEMAND**

☒ General Appearance

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☐ Jury Demand

☐ 1900 - Appearance & Jury Demand - Fee Paid

☐ 1909 - Appearance & Jury Demand - No Fee

The undersigned enters the appearance of: ☐ Plaintiff ☒ Defendant

☐ Additional Party

☐ Respondent-in-discovery

J.W. EXPRESS, INC.

Litigant's Name

/s/ Michael T. Terwilliger

Signature

☒ INITIAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

☐ PRO SE

☐ ADDITIONAL APPEARANCE

☐ SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCE

A copy of this appearance shall be given to all parties who have appeared and have not been found by the Court to be in default.

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**ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND  
 DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING, INC., Edward D. Schrode, and J.W. EXPRESS, INC. (“defendants”), by counsel, and for their answer to plaintiff’s amended complaint at law (“amended complaint”), state the following:

**COUNT I**

1. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, 162nd Street was a public roadway running in an easterly and westerly direction in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

**ANSWER:** Admitted.

2. That on February 14, 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III, operated a motor vehicle in a westerly direction on 162nd Street at or near the I-94 Overpass, in the City of South Holland, County of Cook and. State of Illinois.

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**ANSWER:** Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2 and therefore neither admit nor deny same but demand strict proof thereof.

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5. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, EDWARD D. SCHRODE, was an agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, LGR TRUCKING INC.

**ANSWER:** Denied.

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**ANSWER:** Defendants object to paragraph 7 as it contains a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, same is denied.

8. That at all times relevant hereto, the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, and each of them, breached the aforesaid duty in one or more of the following respects:

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9. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing wrongful acts or omissions of the Defendants, LGR TRUCKING INC. and EDWARD D. SCHRODE, the Plaintiff, JULIUS C. GARRETT, III, was then and

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**ANSWER:** Denied.



### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING, INC., Edward D. Schrode, and J.W. EXPRESS, INC., by counsel, assert the following affirmative defenses to plaintiff's amended complaint, in the alternative and without assuming the burden of proof for matters for which the burden is not imposed upon the responding party under law:

#### **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging damages arising out of an occurrence which purportedly took place on February 14, 2020.

2. At the time of the occurrence, there was in full force and effect a certain statute known as Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 110, § 2-1116, said statute being effective as of November 25, 1986, which provides as follows:

In all actions on account of bodily injury, death or physical damage to property based on negligence, or product liability based on strict tort liability, the plaintiff shall be barred from recovering damages if the trier of fact finds that the contributory fault on the part of the plaintiff is more than fifty percent of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which the recovery is sought. The plaintiff shall not be barred from recovering damages if the trier of fact finds that the contributory fault on the part of the plaintiff is not more than fifty percent of the proximate cause of the injury or damage to which recovery is sought, but any damages allowed shall be diminished in the proportion to the amount of fault attributable to the plaintiff.

(Emphasis added) (Ill. Rev. Stat., 1986; Ch. 110, § 2-1116.)

3. Plaintiff owed a duty to refrain from negligence at all times relevant and to take good and proper care for plaintiff's own safety.

4. Plaintiff's own careless and negligent conduct caused or contributed to cause the injuries, expenses, pecuniary losses and other damages for which plaintiff seeks compensation in this lawsuit.

5. On February 14, 2020, plaintiff was guilty of one or more of the following careless and negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. Operated said motor vehicle in a careless, reckless, and negligent manner;
- b. Negligently, carelessly, and recklessly failed to maintain a proper lookout;
- c. Negligently, carelessly, and recklessly operated said motor vehicle at a speed which was greater than posted or reasonable under the circumstances;
- d. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to stop motor vehicle when danger of a collision was imminent;
- e. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to yield the right of way to defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- f. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to maintain a safe and reasonable distance from Defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- g. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly followed too closely to Defendants' or third-parties motor vehicle(s);
- h. Negligently, carelessly and recklessly failed to apply the brakes of said motor vehicle in order to avoid collision;
- i. Was otherwise negligent and careless in the operation of said motor vehicle.

6. In the event that plaintiff was more than fifty percent (50%) at fault in causing the injuries, or that plaintiff's actions were the sole proximate cause of said accident, then plaintiff is barred from recovery.

#### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging damages arising out of an occurrence which purportedly took place on February 14, 2020.

2. At all times relevant hereto, there was in full force and effect a certain statute known as 735 ILCS 5/2-1117, which provides as follows:

Except as provided in § 2-1118, in actions on account of bodily injury or death or physical damage to property, based on negligence, or product liability based on strict tort liability, all defendants found liable are jointly and severally liable for plaintiffs past and future medical and medically related expenses. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the trier of fact, is less than twenty-five percent of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendant who could have been sued by the plaintiff, shall be severally liable for all of the damages. Any defendant whose fault, as determined by the trier of fact, is twenty-five percent or greater of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff and any third party defendants who could have been sued by the plaintiff, shall be jointly and severally liable for all other damages.

3. In the event that defendants are found liable for damages allegedly sustained by the plaintiff, and any fault on behalf of defendants constitutes less than twenty-five percent of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third-party defendant who could have been sued by the plaintiff, then defendants shall only be severally liable for certain damages, as set forth in the statute.

### **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Defendants had no control over the actions of plaintiff or other persons at the time of the occurrence.

2. Accordingly, to the extent that plaintiff's claimed injuries, if any, were caused in whole or in part by an intervening and/or superseding cause(s) unrelated to any acts or omissions of defendants, damages are barred.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1. Any amount paid by any third person or corporation because of any damage, loss or expense, or injury to plaintiff should be offset and/or credited against any judgment that might be rendered in favor of plaintiff and against defendants as partial satisfaction of plaintiff's damages.

2. Defendants respectfully pray that any judgment in favor of plaintiff be reduced in proportion to any amount paid by a third person or corporation as a result of the occurrence alleged in plaintiff's amended complaint, and that defendants be awarded their costs and such other relief as the Court may deem to be just and proper.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The accident, injuries, and damages alleged in the amended complaint were proximately cause by a person or persons other than defendants, over whom defendants exercised no control or right of control, or for whose act(s) or failure(s) to act defendants are not liable or responsible.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Any act(s) or omission(s) to act by defendants was/were not the proximate cause of this accident.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendants did not own any duty(ies) to the plaintiff at the time and place mentioned in the amended complaint. If any duties are owed by defendants, they properly performed each and every duty owed.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Defendants assert that LGR TRUCKING, INC. is simply a leasing company and J.W. EXPRESS, INC. was the appropriate motor carrier at the time and place mentioned in the amended complaint. As a result, J.W. EXPRESS, INC. and not LGR TRUCKING, INC. is the proper defendant such that LGR TRUCKING, INC. is an improper and mis-joined defendant pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-407 and should be dismissed.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses that may become apparent during the course of this action.

**WHEREFORE**, defendants pray for judgment in their favor and against plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Defendants, LGR TRUCKING, INC., Edward D. Schrode, and J.W. EXPRESS, INC., by counsel, respectfully demand that this case be tried by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTEN LAW OFFICE LLC

**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**

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*Counsel for Defendants*

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I hereby certified that on July 6, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Illinois Circuit Court for Cook County by using the Cook County File & Serve Illinois system. I certify that I have also served all counsel of record via E-mail on this date.

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**/s/Michael T. Terwilliger**  
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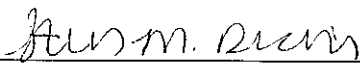
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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

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|                          | ) | No. 22 L 000397 |
| Plaintiff,               | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| vs.                      | ) |                 |
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| LGR TRUCKING INC. and    | ) |                 |
| EDWARD D. SCHRODE,       | ) |                 |
|                          | ) |                 |
| Defendants.              | ) |                 |

**NOTICE OF FILING**

TO: **BY EMAIL**  
 Mr. Michael T. Terwilliger  
 Whitten Law Office LLC  
 450 Vale Park Road  
 Valparaiso, Indiana 46385

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, we filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois the following **PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION** in accordance with the Rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of Illinois a copy of which is attached hereto and served upon you.

  
 STEVEN M. DICKER  
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Under penalties as provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I, STEVEN M. DICKER, state that I served the above notice by emailing a copy to the attorney listed above on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

  
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1. The total of all of Plaintiff’s damages arising from the accident for which Plaintiff seeks compensation does not exceed \$75,000.00.

**RESPONSE:** Denies.

2. Plaintiff will not seek damages from the Defendants in excess of \$75,000.00 at the trial of this matter.

**RESPONSE:** Denies.

  
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